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Applicant: Akira KATO

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For: THREAD WOUND GOLF BALL

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE  
PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

November 21, 2002

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated August 23, 2002 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-4.

The Government fee for filing a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals is calculated as follows:

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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